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Columbia River Treaty

State Dept is about to begin negotiations with Canada since current Treaty expires in 2024. I have been working on it for about 6 years as the lead EPA representative working with other federal agencies, State, Tribes, and State Dept. HQ is engaged now since it is a DC process to coordinate with US State. Feds, Tribe and States developed a Regional Recommendation on 2013 which asked that a new purpose of Ecosystem Based Function to be added to the existing Treaty which is focused on hydropower and flood control. We also asked for an adaptive management approach to account for climate change impacts, which is largely connected to water temperature. Tribal governments are very engaged. Administrator McCarthy sent a letter to State Dept in 2014 advocating for an Ecosystem approach and recognizing the need to protect Tribal and First Nation resources in Columbia River so we are very engaged.

Here is link to Regional Recommendation if you want to read:

<http://www.crt2014-2024review.gov/RegionalDraft.aspx>

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BTW, what Treaty are you referring to?

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Thanks Dru,

In the discussion on the Treaty, I was asked by our DC attorney, Tim Epps, about the exact location of the discharge that is being regulated. I went back to settlement agreement since that is all I have and read him the locations and I sent him the settlement agreement. Can you please give me more information on the exact locations that are being regulated?

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Hi Mary Lou,

We have all the applications for the Corps dams on the Columbia and lower Snake. Additionally, I was recently in conversations with the BofR over Grand Coulee. It will be a while before getting their application, but they have commenced work on it.

The permitting strategy for these facilities is to issue a GP for federal hydro-electric facilities in the State of Washington. We have not begun work on that GP, however, we have conducted site visits to Bonneville, Ice Harbor and Lower Monumental and will plan to do one at GC.

The schedule for work on the Corps/federal dams in WA GP is to begin work after we have completed and issued the GP for hydro facilities located in the State of Idaho. Currently we are in preliminary internal review and revision stage and waiting for a contractor to complete the BE.

Please call if you have additional questions or would like to chat about the strategy.

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Dear Mike and Dru:

The NPDES permits for the Corps dams have come up in a number of conversations recently in my Columbia River work. There is an expectation that as Columbia River Coordinator for EPA I should be knowledgeable about what we are doing on those permits and let other agencies know. I think that we have issued the permits but I do not have any updated information. Can I get a quick update for those permits? If we issued, did we do fact

sheet? Any information you can give me would be helpful. These permits have come up in my conversations on the Treaty as well so updated information as we enter negotiations would be helpful to me.

Also, I heard that there was a NOI on the Bureau dams for permits for oil releases. True? If so, can I get copy?

Let me know if it would be more helpful for me to set up a conversation on this.

Thanks so much, Mary Lou

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